

3-Day Free Cooking School Begins Next Wednesday, April 16, at Torrance Civic Auditorium; Starts at 1:30 P.M. . . . Many Valuable Awards Each Afternoon

New Ideas in Home Craft to Accompany Culinary Instruction

Come and get 'em! . . . The newest recipes . . . newest budget-balancing menus . . . newest short cuts in kitchen management . . . newest in Rumpus Room refreshments . . . they're all in the Happy Kitchen Cooking School to be presented next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, April 16, 17 and 18, in the Torrance Civic Auditorium!

This big three-day instructive entertainment will be presented for the pleasure and instruction of all housewives and their friends in this vicinity by The Torrance Herald and Lomita News.

The Happy Kitchen Cooking School will be conducted by Miss Nancy Baker, noted home economist. Many attractive and valuable awards will be distributed each day. The sessions will begin promptly at 1:30 o'clock.

New Program Daily "Making a home, though it's a man-sized job, is woman's work," comments Miss Baker, "upon her falls the responsibility of maintaining a comfortable and smoothly run home, seeing that the family is well fed, watching over their welfare, doing the 1000 and 1 duties that comprise the routine of home-making.

"Besides, she is counselor, arbiter, and companion to the family circle. The woman who chooses home-making for her career is constantly on the alert to improve her skill and add to her knowledge," continues Miss Baker, "and welcomes suggestions and hints that will be of assistance to her in performing her duties."

Free to Everyone Miss Baker puts on a new program each day as varied as it is interesting and instructive. Each session will hold some surprise that you won't want to miss out on.

The Herald and Lomita News has spared no effort or expense to make this school all that you would want it to be. Come and enjoy it with us.

You'll go home with a lot of new ideas not to mention the possibility of winning one of the many valuable prizes given away.

INSTRUCTOR



MISS NANCY BAKER makes 1000 & 1 duties easier

Robbery-Suspect to Get Hearing Next Monday

Phillip Gardner, 35, who was returned from Portland, Ore., Sunday by Police Chief John Stroh to stand trial for burglary of Mrs. Iola Young's home at 1610 Cota ave. on the night of March 16, was started along the legal trail Monday which may send him back to prison.

He was arraigned before City Judge Robert Lessing and his preliminary hearing fixed for next Monday morning, April 14, at 10 a. m.

The defendant, a slight, grey-haired man who listed his occupation as painter, was arrested in the Oregon city April 4 and held for Torrance police. In addition to serving sentences for robbery in Idaho and Michigan state penitentiaries, he also has a list of city and county jail stays for various crimes, according to Chief Stroh.

While en route back to Torrance, Gardner refused to discuss his activities in the Southland until he had consulted with an attorney. He told Stroh that he narrowly escaped death a few days before he was picked up in Portland when a car in which he and four other men were riding plunged over a cliff in Oregon. A log at the edge of the ocean stopped the machine from sinking beneath the water.

Gardner suffered a fractured back and other injuries. One of the other men in the accident is still in a critical condition. Three of the men, including Gardner, had been picked up along the highway by the motorist.

WATER CONFERENCE A conference by city councilmen and William H. Stanger, municipal water superintendent, will be arranged soon to consider the offer of the Metropolitan Water District to furnish the city free water for two months this summer during trial of the M.W.D. facilities.

TO CHANGE NAME Name of proposed airport in South Torrance is expected to be changed from Lomita to Torrance airport at the next meeting of the County Regional Planning Commission, the city council was informed Tuesday night.

MARCH OF RIMES

BRIGHT FUTURES By H. F. NOAKE

None so blind but they can see a ray of hope, eternally. None so deaf but they can hear the voice of conscience, ever near. None so poor but they can share the works of nature everywhere. None so old but they can give some good advice, on how to live. None so sick but they can dwell on thoughts, that help to get them well. None so young but they can say my one big chance will come, someday. None so rich but they can fall and just be poor folks, like we all.

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RECALL STARTS AS JUDGE OUSTED

Let's Also Recall The \$50 Salaries

An Editorial by Grover C. Whyte

The voluminous - almost verbatim - report of Tuesday night's fateful meeting of the City Council, published in this issue, speaks for itself. All true Americans, imbued with the spirit of our precious democracy will be rightfully indignant at the ruthless way in which their repeated demands for fair play were ignored by those members of the Council bent upon satisfying their own political grudges.

Less than a month ago, at the suggestion of Councilman Murray, and supported by Councilman Powell, letters were sent to all organizations in the city asking them to send representatives to Council meetings so that the Council could be advised of their desires. Yet when more than 300 citizens jam-packed the Council chamber in response to this invitation, their opinions were utterly disregarded. But there is coming a day when this mighty chorus of voices will be heard - and headed - thru the ballot box.

We don't like recall elections - but neither do we like surgical operations. But when our life is endangered by an infected appendix, we have it cut out. Likewise this seems to be the only cure for our present civic ills. And while we're at it, let's do a permanent job. Let's take away the "sugar" that attracts so many files at our municipal elections. CUT OUT THE \$50 A MONTH SALARY FOR COUNCILMEN!

Some of the best councilmen this city ever had served without pay. And there are still many able citizens who would be willing to devote their time and thought to the upbuilding and betterment of this community without financial remuneration. But they hesitate to indulge in a political campaign against a group that are only interested in collecting their \$50 per month PLUS any "extras" that may be forthcoming from various sources.

However, in proposing repeal of the salary ordinance, The Herald does not wish to work any financial hardship on employees of our industrial plants or others obliged to work by the hour or day. Such wage earners when elected could be compensated at their regular hourly rate for all time lost away from their jobs while performing municipal duties. Travel and other expenses could be paid in addition, just as the present salaried councilmen are reimbursed for these expenses, also in addition to their \$50 a month checks.

We believe there are many public spirited citizens working in our industrial plants who would make excellent councilmen, but we cannot expect them to sacrifice the loss of pay by so doing. Adequate provisions for any possible abuses of this practice could be embodied in the new initiative ordinance at the same time the present salary ordinance is voted upon.

It appears certain that sufficient signatures will be obtained to compel a recall election. The Herald proposes that the same persons who circulated the petitions on the recall also secure signatures to a referendum petition to repeal the present \$50 a month salary for Councilmen and substitute a "lost-pay" provision for wage earners who are elected.

Ministers' Blast At Dance Causes Vicar to Resign

Pointing out that all "public questions should be approached in the light of understanding and sympathy," Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, resigned yesterday from the Torrance Ministerial Association. He had previously expressed his belief that the Association's condemnation of the Friday night student dances in the Civic Auditorium was "extremely detrimental to the morals of our youth" was unwarranted and unjustified. His letter follows:

"In the light of recent events I feel that I must submit my resignation as an active member of the Torrance Ministerial Association. It is my conviction that all public questions should be approached in the light of understanding and sympathy. As Vicar of the Episcopal church I do not approve of your recent actions regarding the community dance sponsored by the Torrance Coordinating Council.

"I am sending a copy of this letter to the press as I do not want it generally believed that the Torrance Ministerial Association is representative of the Episcopal Church. The Episcopal Church in this community is sympathetic toward all community enterprises conducted by responsible citizens for our youth," Rev. Marshall concluded.

C.I.O. Head Still Hopeful of No Steel Walkout

Because any agreement eventually reached between the C. I. O. Steel Workers' Organizing Committee and United States Steel Corporation will be retroactive to April 1, Carl Steele, president of the S. W. O. C. local lodge No. 1414, said yesterday he was "still hopeful of getting by without a walkout" at the Columbia Steel Company plant in Torrance.

Steele returned Tuesday following a conference with S. W. O. C. leaders headed by Phillip Murray, president of the C. I. O. and steel workers union at Pittsburgh, Pa. Negotiations between the S. W. O. C. and the Corporation were still deadlocked, he said, and the only offer made by United States Steel officials was a 2 1/2 cent per hour wage increase for workers. The union is demanding a 10-cent per hour advance. No agreement has been reached on other demands of the union, which include vacations with pay, collection of union dues from all employees, established rest periods and five other points, according to Steele.

\$80 at Torrance Meeting The existing agreement expired April 1 and has been extended twice, to April 8 and later to April 15, with the proviso that any settlement made would be effective as of April 1. It may be necessary to again postpone the deadline before a final agreement is reached, Steele commented.

About 800 workers at the local steel plant met in the Civic Auditorium Monday evening to hear a report on the negotiations made by James Timmes, state director of S.W.O.C. and John Flannery, international auditor of the union. These officials also advised local members of the union that there had been a postponement of the threatened walkout scheduled for April 8 to April 15. It is quite probable that there will be a further extension of the deadline, according to Steele.

100 Lots Sold Here to Builder

Acquisition of title to approximately 100 residential building lots in East Torrance, adjacent to the National Supply company plant was announced this week by C. T. Rippl, local attorney, and J. C. Smith, realtor. Possession of the lots was obtained by purchase of street bonds and an additional cash consideration, Smith explained.

The property was purchased for re-sale, and already Smith states he has a purchaser for 50 of the lots and possibly the entire 100 lots. The offer was made by a party who intends to start construction of ten houses at once, Smith said.

Mayor to Represent County League at Defense Conference

Mayor Tom McGuire of Torrance will represent the County League of Municipalities and mayors of the other 44 county cities at a conference tomorrow of the major disaster committee when preparations for civilian defense will be thrown into high gear. He was recently added to membership of the defense commission because of his connection with the League of Municipalities.

The meeting will be attended by 35 agencies of government and civil life which have been pressed into emergency service. Police departments will be told that they must train a civilian auxiliary with one policeman to each five auxiliary officers. The same ratio will apply to fire departments.

300 Jam Council Meet Protesting Powell, Murray, Babcock Tactics

Procedure for Recall Has Five Mandatory Steps

Highlights of recall procedure as set forth in the law governing sixth class municipalities are:

(1) Before any petitions may be circulated, a notice of intention to circulate petitions must be published, stating reasons for the recall. Such a notice is printed in this issue, signed by seven electors. Only one is required.

(2) Officers up for recall have 14 days to publish answers to the charges, which are also to be published in the same newspaper.

(3) Twenty-one days after publication of the first notice (three weeks from today) petition bearing both charges and answers (if any) may then be circulated. Valid signatures of registered voters equal in number to 25 percent of the total vote cast for the same office at the last election are required to compel an election. (In the present case, 742 valid names will be required.)

(4) Within 60 days from today, petitions may be filed with the city clerk, who has 15 days to check the signatures. He then certifies the petitions to the city council.

(5) If sufficient valid signatures are found, the council must call an election, within not less than 35 days or more than 40 days.

15 In Fifth Draft Group Leaving Friday

Bringing the number of young men sent into Army training in this district as result of the Selective Service Act up to 96, 15 are scheduled to leave Torrance tomorrow (Friday) morning as members of the fifth call-out contingent. A majority are volunteers, according to Carl Marsteller, clerk of Selective Service Board 280.

No formal farewell ceremony has been planned for the fifth contingent because of the day being Good Friday and because the school Easter vacation prevents the appearance of the Torrance high school band. Only three short talks are scheduled for a representative of the Selective Service Board, L. J. Gilmeister, chairman of the Advisory Council, and Rev. Frank Porter, pastor of the Torrance First Christian church.

Clerk Marsteller of the Selective Service Board announces the sixth call-out is scheduled between April 21 and 25 when nine men in addition to any replacements necessary to fill out the fourth and fifth draft call-outs are due to leave from this area.

Members of Contingent

The draftees and volunteers will meet at Selective Service headquarters, 1837 El Prado, at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow and leave aboard a special bus from the front of the Torrance Auditorium at 9:45 a. m. The contingent will include:

William Joseph Reed, 30, marine fireman, 1838 West 254th st. Harbor City, who will be leader of the group.

Richard Vern DeMott, 19, unemployed, 3912 Carolina st. San Pedro.

Aki Iwanaga, 19, vegetable clerk, P. O. Box 276, Waltham.

John (Jack) William Schatz, 22, unemployed, 120 West Ninth st. Long Beach.

Student Dance In Auditorium Will Continue Every Friday

NOTICE CITES SIX CHARGES

Official notice that a recall petition demanding removal of Torrance City Councilmen George V. Powell, John V. Murray, and Vern Babcock will be submitted to Torrance voters was filed with City Clerk A. H. Bartlett today. Signed by seven representative citizens, including factory workers, business men and residents at large, the notice lists these reasons for the recall move:

The councilmen "arbitrarily and without cause dismissed" City Judge Lessing; they are "incompetent to handle the affairs of the city"; are "guilty of conduct unbecoming to an official representative of the city"; "have persistently conducted secret and clandestine meetings where business of great interest to the public was transacted at a time impractical for the attendance of interested persons" and that they "have failed and refused to employ or permit democratic procedure in the conduct of public meetings and have openly and contemptuously flouted the expressed will of the majority of the registered voters of the city."

The full text of the official notice, as published elsewhere in this edition, is signed by Henry C. Barrington, Raymond J. Rogers, Raymond E. Burdick, Ray H. Sleppy, George M. Bumpus, John J. Elder and Thomas Ford.

"The public be damned!" That infamous statement by a corrupt politician of a generation ago was endorsed by implication at a jam-packed city council meeting Tuesday night when, despite scores of demands for their reasons why City Judge Robert Lessing was abruptly discharged, City Councilmen George V. Powell and John V. Murray refused to reply.

They had moved and seconded that Lessing be dismissed "as of this date" and were joined by Councilman Vern Babcock in thrusting into execution the most abrupt "firing" ever handed to a municipal employee.

Murray's motion that Attorney John Shidler be appointed judge to succeed Lessing was seconded by Powell. Hitchcock, grinning from ear to ear, interposed:

"I offer a substitute motion—that Albert Isen be appointed!"

When his reference to Isen was understood by the audience, who began to "boo," the Bronx cheers quickly changed to applause. Isen was Powell's campaign manager in the councilmanic race of 1940 and was often reported (without contradiction) as his and Murray's choice for the judgeship when those two councilmen attempted to oust Lessing in May 1940. Since that time a marked coolness has been observed between Messrs. Powell, Murray and Isen and the latter has not been seen at a council meeting in months.

Rescind Dance Action Earlier in the meeting, which was attended by nearly 300 people, the same councilmanic trio and Mayor Tom McGuire placed the Friday night student dances in the Civic Auditorium in the hands of the City Recreation department and under supervision of the Recreation committee, composed of Murray, chairman; Powell and Babcock.

Protest followed protest over this action (which was later rescinded on motion by Hitchcock) and the hostile reaction of the hundreds at the session was intensified as the Lessing ouster was carried out by Powell and Murray. Repeated demands for their reasons for discharging the city's judge for the past seven years went unheeded by Powell while Murray finally said:

"I'm not going to be bullied into giving any statement."

Babcock, late in the session, when asked pointedly by Mrs. Emma Quaglin: "Will you tell us, Mr. Babcock, just why you voted to discharge Judge Lessing?" the councilman, obviously embarrassed, mumbled and stuttered some remarks that few in the audience heard and still fewer understood. From the press table - located directly below Babcock's seat his attempted explanation sounded to this effect:

"When Judge Lessing's removal was first brought up (May 14, 1940) I did not see fit to be drawn into any political maneuver as far as that set-up was concerned. But I have always contended that Lessing is in the wrong and I could not at that time justify myself to vote for his retention."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Records of city council sessions of May 14 and May 28, 1940 when Lessing's ouster was attempted for the first and second times by Powell and Murray reveal that Babcock then voted against the judge's removal.)

Two Make Replies Councilman James Hitchcock, who has consistently voted against dismissal of the city judge continued to vote "no" on the Powell-Murray proposals Tuesday night. His reply to questions addressed to the city council in general on why Lessing was discharged was to the point:

"I know of no answer - so therefore I voted against re-moving the judge."

Mayor Tom McGuire, whose periodic gavel-rappings failed to halt the frequent outbursts of applause for various citizen speakers, put himself on record with:

"I didn't vote for removal of Lessing."

After Murray made at least three motions for adjournment, accompanying the last one with the comment:

"I believe this meeting has developed into a mere rostrum for politicians," the lengthy session came to an end.

Another Meeting Today It will be resumed this afternoon (Thursday) at 5 o'clock when the council will receive officers and members of the Torrance Coordinating Council to belatedly discuss the council action of depriving the Coordinators of their sponsored student dances. A motion to grant this hearing - the "fair, open discussion of both

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